

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room  
3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present**

Randy Meyer (Chairman)  
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)  
Anthony Irby  
Kathy Pearce  
Larry Struck  
Paul Clark  
Carol Culbertson  
Martin Badegian

### **Committee Members Absent**

Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee  
Thomas Troxell  
Martin Badegian  
John Aldecoa

### **MFRF Committee Staff**

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

## **CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Anthony Irby moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on July 17th 2015. Stanley Zeitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Chairman Randy Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:06 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

## **APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chairman Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:22 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2015-03 E 08-04-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for two months' rent and SRP only. Committee recommends applicant applies for Access if they qualify. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously
2. **2015-05 C** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved as requested for two months' mortgage, auto insurance, internet, phone, and utilities. The Committee recommends the applicant apply for disability increase as well as seek financial counseling. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried by majority vote.
3. **2013-12 A 07-17-2015** Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be approved for one-time back rent only. The Committee recommended the applicant seek financial counseling as well as file for unemployment if recently terminated, applicant should qualify. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2015-07 J** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for three months' of rental assistance only. Anthony Irby recommended the applicant seek treatment at the VA for combat related issues. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2015-06 C 08-13-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for two months' rent, utilities, and food contingent upon receipt. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014-05 A 08-14-2015** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be denied as requested the application does not reflect a combat related financial hardship, which is one of the requirements for financial assistance through the Military Family Relief Fund. The Committee recommended the applicant file for unemployment due to recent job loss. Paul Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2014-11 B** Paul Clark moved to recommend application be approved for one months' back rent, and two months' rent and auto insurance assistance. Committee recommends the applicant seeking financial counseling, meet with a DES DVOP/LVR for employment assistance and apply for disability increase. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2015-04 F TIP** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved the remaining balance of rent. Applicant has been approved for HUDVASH and no longer qualifies for the TIP/Housing program. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## MARKETING REPORTS

Kathy Pearce is holding a financial seminar for Heroes to Hometown on September 16<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Az Veterans Home.

Anthony Irby and VA Community Resource and Referral Center have been recognized in the Phoenix New Times and at a National level for their work with the homeless veteran community.

Larry Struck is involved with a Veterans Resource Fair, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-2pm at Apache Middle School.

## CALL TO PUBLIC

## ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Stanley Zeitz moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.